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WITHDRAWAL OF APPEAL AND EXPRESS ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.138

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.138, Applicant hereby respectfully requests that the above-identified application, which is on appeal and awaiting transfer to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, be withdrawn from appeal and expressly abandoned. Applicant does not, however, request abandonment of the invention disclosed and/or claimed therein. Also, Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue prosecution of the invention disclosed and/or claimed in the present application in continuation or divisional applications.

A continuation application of the above-identified application was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 7, 2007, and assigned application no. 11/851,675.

Should any questions remain concerning the foregoing, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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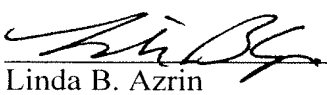
By: 

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